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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 32-921 AND 32-922.02, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING
TO THE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 32-921, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 32-921. Application for license; qualifications of applicant;
5 fee; background investigations

6 A. A person who wishes to practice chiropractic in this state shall
7 submit a complete application to the board at least forty-five days before
8 the next scheduled examinations on a form and in the manner prescribed by the
9 board.

10 B. To be eligible for an examination and licensure, the applicant
11 shall:

12 1. Be a person of good character and reputation.

13 2. Be a graduate of a chiropractic college that both:

14 (a) Is accredited by or has status with the council on chiropractic
15 education or is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the ~~U.S.~~
16 UNITED STATES department of education or the council on postsecondary
17 accreditation or has the equivalent of these standards as determined by the
18 board.

19 (b) Teaches a resident course of four years of not less than nine
20 months each year, or the equivalent of thirty-six months of continuous study,
21 and that comprises not less than four thousand credit hours of resident study
22 required to receive a degree of doctor of chiropractic (D.C.).

23 3. Be physically and mentally able to practice chiropractic skillfully
24 and safely.

25 4. Have a certificate of attainment for part I and part II and a score
26 of three hundred seventy-five or more on part III of the examination
27 conducted by the national board of chiropractic examiners.

28 C. The board may refuse to give an examination OR MAY DENY LICENSURE
29 to an applicant who:

30 1. Fails to qualify for an examination OR LICENSURE under subsection
31 B of this section.

32 2. Has had a license to practice chiropractic refused, revoked,
33 suspended or restricted by a regulatory board in this or any other
34 jurisdiction for any act that constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to
35 this chapter.

36 3. Is currently under investigation by a regulatory board in this or
37 any other jurisdiction for an act that constitutes unprofessional conduct
38 pursuant to this chapter.

39 4. Has surrendered a license to practice chiropractic in lieu of
40 disciplinary action by a regulatory board in this or any other jurisdiction
41 for an act that constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to this chapter.

42 5. HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT THAT CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR
43 DISCIPLINARY ACTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-924 OR BOARD RULES.

44 D. On making application, the applicant shall pay to the executive
45 director of the board a nonrefundable fee of two hundred fifty dollars. The

1 board shall keep a register of all applicants and the result of each
2 examination.

3 E. In order to determine an applicant's eligibility for examination
4 and licensure, the board may require the applicant to submit a full set of
5 fingerprints to the board. The board shall submit the fingerprints to the
6 department of public safety for the purpose of obtaining a state and federal
7 criminal records check pursuant to section 41-1750 and Public Law
8 92-544. The department of public safety may exchange this fingerprint data
9 with the federal bureau of investigation. The board shall charge each
10 applicant a fee that is necessary to cover the cost of the
11 investigation. The board shall forward this fee to the department of public
12 safety.

13 Sec. 2. Section 32-922.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
14 read:

15 32-922.02. Specialties; certification; fees

16 A. In order to practice a chiropractic specialty a licensee shall be
17 certified in that specialty by the board.

18 ~~B. At least one month before the scheduled acupuncture examination,~~
19 An applicant who wishes to take the examination BE CERTIFIED TO PERFORM
20 ACUPUNCTURE shall submit the following to the board:

21 1. Documentation of successful completion of a minimum of fifty ONE
22 HUNDRED hours of study IN ACUPUNCTURE at an accredited chiropractic college
23 or postgraduate study with an instructor on the active or postgraduate staff
24 of an accredited chiropractic college.

25 2. A complete application as prescribed by the board.

26 3. DOCUMENTATION OF HAVING PASSED A BOARD APPROVED ACUPUNCTURE
27 EXAMINATION.

28 C. An applicant who wishes to be certified to perform physiotherapy
29 shall submit the following to the board:

30 1. A complete application as prescribed by the board.

31 2. Documentation of successful completion of a minimum of one hundred
32 twenty hours of study IN PHYSIOTHERAPY at an accredited chiropractic college
33 or postgraduate study with an instructor on the active or postgraduate staff
34 of an accredited chiropractic college.

35 3. Documentation of having passed an examination in physiotherapy that
36 is approved by the board.

37 D. The board shall issue a certificate to any applicant who meets the
38 requirements of this section, who correctly answers at least seventy-five per
39 cent of all questions asked on the specialty examination and who pays a
40 certificate fee of one hundred dollars.

41 E. On making application, the applicant shall pay to the executive
42 director of the board a nonrefundable fee of one hundred dollars. The board
43 shall keep a register of all applicants and the result of each examination.

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